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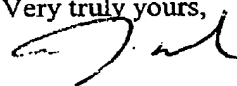
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 and Applicants' Interview Summary
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/689,647
Docket No.: 02FI003US

Dear Examiner Santos:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 21, 2005 and Applicants' Interview Summary, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Horitani et al.

Serial No.: 10/689,647 Group Art Unit: 3673
Filed: October 22, 2003 Examiner: Robert G. Santos

For: ELECTRIC BED AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD
THEREFOR

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND
APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-39 and 42 -55 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 38 and 53-55 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 40-41 are canceled. Claims 1-3, 18-20, 38, and 53 are independent.